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CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to submit to the people an amendment to section 1, of article 10, of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, relating to education.

Preamble. Whereas, at the biennial session of the legislature of Wisconsin for the year 1899, an amendment to the constitution of the state was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment was in the following language:

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, that section 1 of article 10 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be amended so as to read as follows:

Provisions of amendment. SECTION 1. The supervision of public instruction shall be vested in a state superintendent and such other officers as the legislature shall direct; and their qualifications, powers, duties and compensation shall be prescribed by law. The state superintendent shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the state at the same time and in the same manner as members of the supreme court, and shall hold his office for four years from the succeeding first Monday in July. The state superintendent chosen at the general election in November, 1902, shall hold and continue in his office until the first Monday in July, 1905, and his successor shall be chosen at the time of the judicial election in April, 1905. The term of office, time and manner of electing or appointing all other officers of supervision of public instruction shall be fixed by law.

Preamble. And, Whereas, the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin was duly agreed to in the legislature of this state, chosen at the general election in November, 1900, by a majority of all the members elected to each house thereof; therefore:

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

When to be submitted to people. SECTION 1. The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin shall be submitted to a vote of the people of the state in the

manner now provided by law for the submission of proposed amendments at the next general election in November, 1902.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT defining the liabilities of employes of telegraph and messenger companies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

Penalty for divulging message or forging receipt. SECTION 1. Any person connected with a telegraph or messenger company, incorporated or unincorporated, operating a line of telegraph or engaged in the business of receiving and delivering messages in this state, in any capacity, who wilfully divulges the contents, or the nature of the contents of a private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, or who wilfully refuses or neglects to transmit or deliver the same, or who wilfully forges the name of the intended receiver to a receipt for any such message or communication or article of value entrusted to him by said company, shall be imprisoned in the county jail, not exceeding one year, or to be fined not to exceed five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

Companies to post copy of act. SECTION 2. All telegraph or messenger companies whose employes are affected by this act are hereby required to post, in their offices in this state, a copy of this act, under a penalty of ten dollars and costs for each and every offense.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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